
◆PACER Service Center◆

Announcements

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Introducing Electronic Case Filing

In January 1996 the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts began development of the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) system. CM/ECF is a comprehensive case management system that includes electronic case filing capabilities. Nine federal courts, four district and five bankruptcy, are currently prototyping the system. The project is nearing the point at which this system will be offered to all bankruptcy courts, therefore, most bankruptcy courts will begin converting their case management systems to CM/ECF over the next two years.

Of course, upon conversion to CM/ECF courts will continue to provide electronic access to case information through the system's public access component. This component is very similar to Web PACER with the added capability of providing PDF copies of actual documents. A major difference between PACER and the public access component of CM/ECF is that there will be no dial-up capabilities. The system is entirely Internet based.

The public access component of CM/ECF will require a user to enter their PACER login and password for access to case information. In order to file electronically, attorneys are required to register with each court. The PACER login and attorney filing login will be different, therefore, a filing attorney will need both a filing login and a PACER login.

Please Note: The Judicial Conference approved Internet access fee of \$.07 per page will apply to information retrieved through this system.

System requirements include Internet access, Netscape Navigator 4.08 or higher, and Adobe Acrobat Reader for query purposes. In addition attorneys will need Adobe Acrobat PDF Writer 4.0 or higher software for filing purposes. Attorneys can obtain Adobe writer software at a substantial discount through a legal sales promotional program (call Adobe at (888) 502-5275 for details). More information about CM/ECF will be posted at the PACER Service Center website (<http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>) as it becomes available.

PACER-Net Sites

See page 2 of this announcement for an updated listing of PACER websites. As PACER courts become available on the Internet, links to those sites will be added at our website pacer.psc.uscourts.gov. To be notified when a new site has been added, subscribe to our email notification list at the aforementioned site. Click on "Account Information."

General Info

The PACER Service Center will be closed November 10 and 23 for Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day holidays, and December 25 and January 1 for Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

The PACER Service Center hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm CST.

PACER Billing Notices

Payment for balances less than \$10 will automatically be deferred until balance is \$10 or more. No phone call is necessary.

For your protection, please do not send cash.

The PACER Service Center now accepts payment by American Express card. Call (800) 676-6856 to pay your balance using VISA, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express.

The PACER Service Center's Federal Tax Identification Number is 74-2747938.

The next quarterly statement will be sent mid-January. Please plan accordingly.

Access to dial up PACER will generate a \$.60 per minute charge while web access will generate a \$.07 per page charge. Users will NOT incur both per minute and per page charges for a PACER session.

Universal Login

Users of PACER on the Internet have the added convenience of a Universal Login feature. This feature allows a user to login at one PACER site on the Internet and move to other PACER sites without having to login again as long as the browser remains open. However, if the browser is closed, it will be necessary to login again. A cookie enabled browser is required for the Universal Login to work.

Questions or Comments? Contact the PACER Service Center by email pacer@psc.uscourts.gov or call (800) 676-6856.

